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“Baby on Board” Concludes Shooting: Chicago Co-Stars in Comedy with Heather Graham

Chicago has a "Baby on Board."

Or did, as of March 15, when that romantic comedy starring Heather Graham, John Corbett and Jerry O'Connell wrapped principal photography. Director Brian Herzlinger ("My Date with Drew") will stick around town for the next two weeks to edit the film.

"I've never seen Heather as physically funny," said Herzlinger last week, while on location in Evanston. "[She] had this Lucille Ball quality."

Graham plays a successful cosmetics executive who, on the eve of a big promotion, finds out she's pregnant. Thereafter, she hides her pregnancy from uber-driven boss (Lara Flynn Boyle), while dealing with the suspicion that her husband (O'Connell) might be cheating on her.

The production shot on location at the John Hancock Center, Wrigley Building, Nick's Fishmarket, Tru and the Capital Grille. Chicago trader and Bella Lounge owner Russell Scalise executive produced the project, in addition to sharing a script credit.

The film is so Chicago-centric, says Herzlinger, that "it's almost another character in the film." Herzlinger made his mark with 2004's "My Date with Drew," a sweetly obsessive documentary about his quest to court boyhood crush Drew Barrymore.

"The movie opened up a lot of doors ... and it only cost \$1,100, which, by the way, is the Kleenex budget on this shoot," Herzlinger, 32, jokes.

"Baby on Board" also marks the return of Graham, a Milwaukee native, to the Midwest.

"We moved around a lot because my dad was in the FBI, so I left when I was 4," Graham remembers. "But I remember some things: going bowling, my mom putting us in winter coats."

And of course, the cold itself.

"I'm really glad I brought my snow boots," said Graham, who used her time off to tour Lincoln Park Zoo, see shows at Second City, "Jersey Boys" and Steppenwolf Theatre's production of "Carter's Way."

"I don't really get hassled that much when I go out," Graham said. "Plus, there's just less paparazzi here. Who wants to stand out in the cold?"